

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, claims 1-8, 10-20 are rejected and claim 9 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. With this paper, claims 1-8 and 13 are canceled, claims 9-12 and 14-19 are amended, and no new claims are added. The application now includes claims 9-12 and 14-20.

Claim 9 is amended to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. The amended claim 9 is believed to be patentable. Other independent claims, namely claims 12, 15 17 and 18, are also amended in a way that the allowable features of claim 9 are also included in these claims. All other changes to the claims are related purely to matters of form. Therefore, all the remaining claims in the application are now in condition for allowance and their passage to issue is earnestly solicited. Applicant's agent urges the Examiner to call to discuss the present response if anything in the present response is unclear or unpersuasive.

Respectfully submitted,

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